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## INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 948

**DATE:** October 1, 2010

**TO:** Iowa Medicaid Pharmacy Providers

**ISSUED BY:** Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

**RE:** Flu Vaccines for Children Administered by Pharmacies

**EFFECTIVE:** November 1, 2010

Beginning November 1, 2010, Iowa Medicaid will reimburse pharmacies who administer influenza vaccinations for children age 18 and under.

**Enrollment In VFC and Ordering Vaccine:** Pharmacies must enroll in the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program through the Iowa Department of Public Health to be able to provide these services. Enrollment forms can be found at [http://www.idph.state.ia.us/adper/vaccines\\_for\\_children.asp](http://www.idph.state.ia.us/adper/vaccines_for_children.asp). Pharmacies will need to fill out the 3 enrollment forms found on the website to be enrolled in the VFC program. Once the forms are submitted (there is a fax number on the bottom of the forms), an initial site visit will be conducted instructing the pharmacies on the requirements of the VFC program (storage & handling, eligibility screening, accountability, etc). If pharmacies meet all of the necessary requirements they will be made active in the VFC Program and can submit vaccine orders as needed. The vaccine order form is also available on this website.

**Billing Codes:** The IME will pay pharmacies for administration of influenza vaccinations for covered Medicaid members aged 18 and under when the vaccine is covered under the VFC program. The following codes can be billed to Iowa Medicaid:

Influenza product codes: (will be paid at zero, but replaced by the VFC program)

- 90655 .25ml syringe preservative free
- 90656 .5ml syringe preservative free
- 90657 .5ml single dose vial
- 90658 5ml multi dose vial
- 90660 Flumist-live intranasal

Administration codes: (will be paid at the Medicaid fee schedule)

- 90471 Immunization admin; one vaccine (\$5.30)
- 90473 Immunization admin. by intranasal/oral (\$13.43)

**Billing Instructions:**

- \* Pharmacies must enroll with the VFC program.
- \* Claims must be submitted on a CMS1500 claim form. Claim form instructions are located at <http://www.ime.state.ia.us/docs/CMS500Instr-Updated062209.pdf>.
- \* The vaccine code must be billed on the same claim form as the administration code.
- \* The vaccine code must be billed at zero dollars.

The process has not changed for pharmacies that dispense influenza vaccine.

If you have any questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909 or locally (in Des Moines) at 256-4609, or e-mail at [imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us).